

J. H. Hampton Buggy Company Collection

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Title:	J. H. Hampton Buggy Company Collection
Accession No.:	02-007
Extent:	1 box
Provenance:	Donated by Klyce Hampton Chandler in 2002.
Inclusive Dates:	1879-1927
Subject Headings:	Buggies – Manufacture and repair Cox, J. M. Elliott, A. L. Hampton, George, d. 1930 Hampton, J. H. Hampton, Rebecca Klyce Hampton, W. W. Harris, James Hopper, J. M. J. H. Hampton Buggy Company Kemp, J. F. King, D. F. Leaksville (N. C.) – Business and industry Martin, E. L.
Items Separated:	
Related Collections:	
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Descriptive Note:	The Hampton Buggy Co. was organized in 1879 and

incorporated in 1901. The principal stockholders at the time of incorporation were J. H. Hampton, founder, his son W. W. Hampton, D. F. King and J. M. Hopper. The factory consisted of 3 buildings on Washington St. in Leaksville (now Eden, NC). About 1000 buggies, hacks and surreys were built here every year and sold to customers throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

The company employed 35 men, most spending much of their life working for the company. A. L. Elliott, painter, spent 39 years from 1879-1918. J. F. Kemp, painter, worked 35 years. E. L. Martin was a blacksmith for the company for 20 years, and J. M. Cox, a trimmer, worked for about 20 years. George Hampton, an African American, who was an expert woodworker, served 49 years.

Sales began to fall off around the start of World War I. In 1919 the factory stopped building buggies, but continued to maintain a repair shop and assemble an occasional buggy from parts on hand. The last buggy was sold in 1927.

Contents:

Folder 1

Hand drawn diagram of buggy making facility

6 J. H. Hampton Buggy Company stock certificates

Booklet "*J. H. Hampton Buggy Co. Homespun Line*" Leaksville, NC – 20 pages – no date

One receipt

2 advertising flyers

Family letters (photocopies only)

Family history of James Harris and Rebecca Klyce Hampton written by Klyce Hampton Chandler

Hand drawn map of downtown Leaksville showing businesses – dated 1908

Folder 2

21 photographs

1 photocopied photograph

Folder 3

Newspaper articles from the years:

1918, 1930, 1934, 1952, 1958, 1961, 1976, 1985

1 full page newspaper story dated May 29, 1985 from the Madison Messenger Bicentennial Edition